

ANNEX D
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

I. Purpose

To ensure the availability of appropriate relief and recovery programs, it is essential that accurate data and timely reports on damages be developed following a disaster. Information gathered through this process may be used to determine the extent of damage and impact on the community resulting from a disaster to justify future federal funding, declarations of emergency, and disaster proclamations.

II. Responsibility

Responsibility for damage assessment is shared between the Community Services and the Community Development departments. Public Infrastructure damage assessment will be the responsibility of the Community Services Department. Private property damage assessment will be the responsibility of the Community Development Department. The Assistant City Manager for Administration and the Assistant City Manager for Operations will act as the liaisons between the City of Ankeny and County, State and Federal inspectors. The directors of the Community Services and the Community departments will ensure that all damaged areas are inspected and aids in obtaining accurate statistics. ACERT members may provide support for damage assessment activities.

The City of Ankeny has developed a standard damage assessment form which will be used to conduct the initial damage assessment. Please refer to Appendix B – Damage Assessment Form.

Damage Assessment will be initiated locally. After the initial assessment, liaisons from the city will consult with the Polk County Emergency Management Coordinator or an individual with the appropriate background appointed by the County Board of Supervisors heads up the County Damage Assessment Team (DAT). The Coordinator will coordinate the activities of the DAT members, consolidate assessment data and relay the data to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

III. Damage Assessment Teams (DATs)

Formal damage assessment in the City of Ankeny for the purposes of determining state and federal assistance will be primarily handled through designated DATs. DATs are teams within Polk County comprised of individuals who have the technical background to make accurate estimates of damage in predetermined categories. Upon notification by the Polk County Emergency Management Coordinator, the Polk County DATs will move into the disaster area and coordinate with their local

counterparts in a damage assessment in the areas of their expertise and then relay their findings to the Coordinator.

IV. Other Agencies

In the event of a disaster in the City of Ankeny, other state and federal agencies will conduct specific damage assessments.

- Federal Highway Administration – assessment of roads, bridges, streets, sidewalks, public buildings and other assigned areas by federal inspectors.
- Corps of Engineers – assessment of debris removal needs, necessary protective measures, water control facilities, public buildings and other assigned areas by federal inspectors.
- Natural Resources Council – assessment of debris removal needs, necessary protective measures, water control facilities, public buildings, and other assigned areas by state inspectors.
- Environmental Protection Agency – assessment of sewers and public water systems, provide necessary environmental impact statements and other assigned areas by federal inspectors.
- Iowa Conservation Commission – assessment of state-owned parks by state inspectors
- Department of Environmental Quality – assessment of sewers and public water systems, provide necessary environmental impact statements and other assigned areas by state inspectors.
- Department of Natural Resources – assessment of waterways, watershed and damage to other related natural resources.
- Iowa Department of Transportation – assessment of assessment of roads, bridges, streets, sidewalks, public buildings and other assigned areas by state inspectors.

V. Damage Assessment Operations

As preliminary damage assessment information becomes available from damage assessors in the affected area, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HLSEM) and the Ankeny Damage Assessment Coordinators will coordinate with

County DAT leaders and the regional office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to determine the type and extent of damage survey required. Polk County DATs will be activated by the Polk County Emergency Management Coordinator based on the types and extent of damage. If it is apparent that extensive public infrastructure and private investment damage exists, a joint Federal/State assessment will be initiated in addition to the County DAT survey. All data acquired by these surveys will be sent to HLSEM for review and final computation prior to being forwarded to the Governor.

At the discretion of the Administrator of HLSEM, Emergency Services Officers will be dispatched from the State office to assist in the coordination of State agencies involved in the recovery activities and to assist in the coordination of damage assessment activities.

VI. Authentication

Date

City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Date

Director of Planning and Building

APPENDICES

Appendix A - Damage Assessment Hierarchy Chart

Appendix B – City of Ankeny Damage Assessment Form